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COVID-19 The Columbus Division of Police: Exposure Mitigation Plan

Today, March 28, 2020, the Columbus Division of Police learned an officer tested positive for coronavirus. The officer, who does not work patrol, self-monitored, self-quarantined and sought testing immediately. The officer is recovering at home.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chief Tom Quinlan has the Columbus Division of Police implementing an exposure mitigation plan that begins tomorrow, March 29, 2020.

The plan calls for patrol officers and sergeants to follow modified staffing of 32 hours per week (4 days) at work and 8 hours (1 day) at home. While at home officers will be on call and ready to report into work in a moment's notice. The plan is being implemented to lessen the chance of exposure.

“The plan is innovative, scalable and cost neutral. The health and safety of our personnel is of utmost importance to the Division to be able to serve and protect the public at this time of need,” said Chief Tom Quinlan.

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